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## The Guy From Just Around the Corner

By Al Batt

**Naturally**  
The sun's strength was impressive. It enticed chipmunks from their burrows. The trees were e n c o m - passed by dark circles at the base of their t r u n k s . When the sun shines, a tree absorbs more heat than the surrounding snow does because of the tree's dark-colored bark. The trunk warms and radiates heat, which melts the snow around the foot of the tree. The same thing happens to telephone poles and fence posts. A red-winged blackbird sang "Look at me!" House finches tried to sing in the spring. These lovely singers, called Hollywood finches when they were sold as caged birds, are year-long residents here and provide needed flashes of color. Some of them undergo short-distance migrations south.



Purple finches look similar, but are winter guests in southern Minnesota. The red on a male house finch is concentrated on head and breast. The redness of a purple finch male spreads to most of his body.  
I strolled about the yard, adding mud to my boots. Long walks and birdwatching are prescribed by doctors to patients in Scotland's Shetland Islands as part of treatments for chronic illnesses. The National Health Service Shetland rolled out what has been called nature prescriptions to help treat a range of afflictions, including high blood pressure, anxiety and depression. I wonder if I could send a bill to my insurance company for my walking shoes? Probably not.  
I hope there will be enough good weather.  
**Q&A**  
"How big a territory does a pair of hawks have?" The red-tailed

hawk is the hawk we commonly see. They usually hold a nesting territory of 1.5-2.0 square miles, but could be larger if food was scarce.  
"What is the most recognizable bird in the world?" I'm speculating wildly, but I'd guess it would be the peacock, the male peafowl.  
"What good are prairie dogs?" In addition to providing food and shelter for associated species, prairie dog burrows enrich the soil and improve vegetative quality by aerating the soil and allowing water to flow underground. Prairie dog activities increase and diversify the composition of grasses and forbs within their colonies, creating habitat favored by other wildlife. Their long-term use of a grassland appears to promote short, perennial grasses.  
"Do robins mate for life?" I read that Aristotle considered earthworms to be the intestines of the

earth. Robins consider them lunch. Robins don't mate for life. Pairs generally stay together during a breeding season, which can involve two or three nestings. Sometimes the two return to the same territory and end up together for another year. A robin has about a 50%

begin returning north in early February through late March. They can be seen feeding along the graveled edges of rural roads. They fly at a vehicle's approach before landing in a field and disappearing by blending into the ground. Horned larks have a horizontal

need more food relative to their weight than do larger birds. A black-capped chickadee eats 35% of its weight per day. A blue jay eats about 10% and a hummingbird as much as 100% of its weight each day.  
Thanks for stopping by.



Related to the chickadee, the tufted titmouse is increasing in nearly every part of its range. Photo by Al Batt

chance of living through a year.  
"Are horned larks a sign of spring?" Maybe, sort of. Somewhat. Horned larks commonly winter in southern Minnesota, with lower populations found shivering farther north. The horned larks that migrated south

posture and their song is a high-pitched tinkling. High breeding densities of horned larks are found throughout the heavily cultivated regions of the western and southern parts of the state.  
"How much does a chickadee eat each day?" Smaller birds generally

"I can't imagine a world without koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, dunnarts, black cockatoos ... compassion." — from the comic strip "Mutts" by Patrick McDonnell  
"The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass, they speak to me. The summit of the mountain, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the sea, speaks to me. The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrop on the flower, speaks to me. The strength of the fire, the taste of the salmon, the trail of the sun, and the life that never goes away, they speak to me. And my heart soars." — Chief Dan George  
Do good.  
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## Marriage License Applications

Jennifer Ann Slaughter and Randall Arlen Bock

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont hosts an **open door meal** Wednesday evenings from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. each week. Wednesday, March 11th they will serve hot dish. On March 18th it will be Cream Chicken. All meals include fruit, veggies, peanut butter/jelly sandwich, cookies, milk, water and coffee. For a free will donation.

**Ruby's Pantry Sherburn Pop-up Pantry** will be having a food distribution on Monday, March, 16th at Regional Worship Center, 2 Crossroads Drive in Sherburn. The distribution is from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. A \$20 CASH donation is required (registration begins at 5 p.m.) Make sure you bring two large boxes of totes for food. For more information, call 507-764-7491.

## Pomeranke is 2019 Leaders Circle Qualifier

Atlas Insurance Brokers is proud to announce that Tyler Pomeranke of



Pomeranke Insurance has achieved Leaders Circle status in 2019, which honors top insurance agencies for their dedication and outstanding performance.

"Congratulations to Tyler for earning Leaders Circles status in 2019. Leaders Circle recognizes insurance professionals with extraordinary dedication to their clients and a strong work ethic. It's no surprise Tyler is one of the top performers in 2019," said President of



**HATTLE 80TH - John Hattle will turn 80 years old on Wednesday, March 18th. Wishing him love is his family. Cards may reach him at 310 - 390th Street, Armstrong, Iowa 50514.**

**Arc Different Drummer Dance Club** will have a dinner and dance from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15th at Fairmont's Holiday Inn. RSVP's for the dinner and/or if attending the dance will be taken up until noon on Wednesday, March 11th. Please contact Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017. The public is invited to attend.

## Area Artist to Display at Red Rock Center Fairmont

The Red Rock Center for the Arts is pleased to announce "An Angel Retrospective" to the art gallery, a series of watercolor

and acrylic painting by Linda Wells of Blue Earth. Linda taught high school art at Blue Earth Area Schools for 23 years. Retiring allowed her the time she needed to return to artistic creation. She decided to work with watercolors and eventually decided on a combination of symmetry, geometric shapes and abstract angel-like forms. She spent time studying the Book of Revelations, where angels figure prominently. Linda wishes to share her paintings with others and hope



people will see pleasing shapes and colors as well as a unique version of unearthly beings. She believes that beauty in art

can lift our spirits, calm and inspire us and bring us closer to our Maker. Artwork will be on display March 11-April 3. An artist reception will be held March 15, 2-4 p.m. Join us for wine and light refreshments while viewing the art show and visiting with the art-

ist behind the work. Free admission, everyone welcome.

For more information or questions about the artist please contact Linda Wells at (507) 399-6326.



**Happy 70th Birthday on March 10th Sharon Dorow! From your family. If you would like to send birthday wishes her way, cards can reach her at 44 Cottage St., Fairmont MN 56031**

## Hadar Maoz 2020 tour to be rescheduled

Official Statement: Across the world, public gatherings including performances and festivals have been canceled to help limit the spread of the coronavirus. As members of a field community, we have been monitoring recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organizations as they pertain to travel and public health and safety in the United States and the home countries of our visiting artists.

After careful consideration of the upcoming April/May 2020 World Fest tour by Israeli artist Hadar Maoz and her ensemble, Arts Midwest has decided to adjust our touring plans.

The tour will be moved to the fall

of 2021 with dates to be determined. This difficult and disappointing decision comes after internal discussion, consultation with our World Fest partner communities, and with Hadar Maoz. Hadar's April/May 2021 tour proceeds as planned.

The Fairmont Opera House will reach out individually to ticket holders for the May 2nd event and issue a ticket exchange, which will exclude the Garrison Keillor and Habitat for Humanity Charity event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out directly to:

Fairmont Opera House  
C/O Blake Potthoff,  
Executive Director  
45 Downtown Plaza  
Fairmont, MN 56031  
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**Lenny Tvedten of the Martin County Historical Society presented Jeff Hagen, former Photo Press Manager The Silver Sponsor Annual Fund Drive 2019 award.**

## OPEN HOUSE Sat. March 14 • 10am-Noon



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## Quilters To Meet In Blue Earth

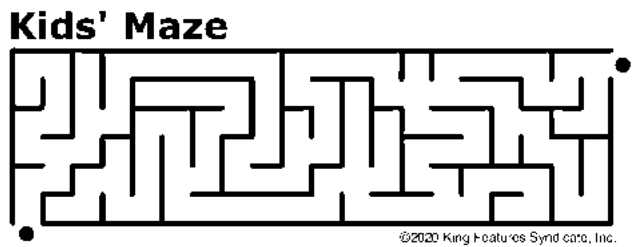
The Blue Earth Valley Quilters will hold the sixth meeting of the 2019-2020 year this Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Blue Earth Area High School Choir Room. Please enter through Door V on the south side of the building. After introductions, we will begin with show-and-tell, which is always an inspiring part of the meeting. Planning for this summer's Quilt EXPO will be discussed. Becki Steier will present a program on the fiber arts classes and products available at her store, BS Studio.

The Blue Earth Valley Quilters meet on the third Monday of each month (no meeting in July or December) under the umbrella of Blue Earth Area Community Education. Each meeting consists of a brief welcome and introductions, a quilt related demonstration, show and tell, a question and answer session and a few minutes to talk with other quilters. The Blue Earth Valley Quilters has been referred to as a guild without all the rules, a quilt discussion group, or a mini-class in quilting - it is open to everyone who enjoys quilts or quilting - quilters of all skill levels are welcome.

Dues for the 2019-2020 year again are \$5. Announcements and photos can be found on Facebook under the group name Blue Earth Valley Quilters. For more information contact Jan Shaffer at 526-3979.

## CREST "Lunch & Learn" On March 18 To Focus on Recycling and Trash

We all have items around the house that either need to be thrown away or possibly recycled. The problem is: What needs to be tossed and what can be recycled? The March "Lunch & Learn" event sponsored by CREST will try to answer a lot of those questions. It will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 11:00am at First Lutheran Church, located at 61 Apple Street East in Trimont. The program this month will feature Billee Rabbe from the Prairieland Resource Recovery facility in Truman. Following the presentation, a lunch of pork sandwiches, salad, and a St. Patrick's Day cake will be served. Donations are welcome to defray costs. Anyone in the area is invited to join in the fun and socializing.



# WARNING!

# TRUCKERS & FARMERS

Load restrictions of 10,000 pounds on any single axle are imposed on all Township and County roads in Martin County beginning March 6, 2020. These restrictions are imposed by law on all Township and County roads and posting with signs is not required.

To impose different weight restrictions on any road, such roads will be posted and the posted restrictions will govern.

## ABOVE RESTRICTIONS WILL BE ENFORCED!

Jeff Markquart, Sheriff, Martin County

Kevin Peyman, Highway Engineer, Martin County

## Fairmont Area High School 1st Semester Honor Roll announced

Fairmont Area High School announces the following students have achieved Honor Roll status (3.0 to 3.499 GPA):

**GRADE 12:** Macy M. Anderson, Treyden L. Baumgart, Sawyer A. Berkness, Amos N. Broomfield, Maritza M. Chavez Martin, Carter T. Davis, Joseph A. Flohrs, Shelby A. Fogelson, Kylee M. Green, Ryan M. Hennager, Emma R. Hoffmann, Kaleb J. Hoyer, Katie M. Jahnke, Jayden C. Johnson, Jennifer R. Kesterson, Carson C. Kuhl, Brycen A. Lutterman, Kobi R. Malo, Tucker D. Mosloski, Hailey E. Obernolte, Carter M. Olson, Selena A. Rangel, Alacha Reimers, Caleb M. Snelson, Carson W. Toomer

**GRADE 11:** Brenna I. Abel, Bryant R. Armitage, Jayden S. Aubart, Seth B. Becker, Mckayla S. Byers, Mia I. Collazo, Ciara R. Cowing, Erin P. Hoch, Emma R. Lefebvre, Carter T. Leiding, Rebecca N. Lunn, Kari F. Maier, Osvaldo Morales, Katie A. Mueller, Noah S. Nelson, Juan Santana Sanz, Steven R. Schrunck, Shayne E. Steinbrink, Kaylean A. Thingsstad, Jackson J. Utermarck, Parker R. Vetter, Hali M. Wiebe

**GRADE 10:** Trinity C. Allen, Hudson M. Artz, Macy Berkness, Hannah N. Botzet, Cadence J. Breitbarth, Eli G. Broomfield, Samantha Castro, Hayden D. Clabaugh, Jacob J. Crissinger, Mikayla A. Fitzloff, Kalie A. Hanna, Alexis E. Hinz, Mackenzie L. Householder, Jaxon R. Johnson, Zachary A. Jorgensen, Alyssa J. Lutz, Grace J. Miller, Mya J. Mosloski, Rachel D. O'Connor, Noah J. Rahm, Gavin R. Rodning, Cassidy K. Schultz, Vanessa J. Schultze, Hailie J. Striemer, Noah B. Tenney, Preston D. Vaughn, Andrew J. Vee, Olivia L. Vera, Katherine E. Zellmer

**GRADE 9:** Hadley K. Artz, Skyler A. Aukes, Chelley M. Batzlaff, Lincoln J. Becker, Ashley

## Fairmont Area High School 1st Semester High Honor Roll

Fairmont Area High School announces the following students have achieved High Honor Roll status (3.5 to 3.99 GPA):

**GRADE 12:** Cambrie L. Anderson, Caden R. Baarts, Macey Bearson, Evan F. Carlson, Graciela M. Figueroa, Calvin R. Guritz, Kylee M. Harder, Joshua N. Heinze, Jack T. Hested, Sarah G. Hoffmann, Jacob D. Johnson, Kaylee S. Larson, Kaylene E. Lindquist, Victoria G. Meier, Martin E. Mittelstadt, Madison L. Northwick, Elizabeth A. Petrowiak, Kaleb R. Petschke, William D. Schellpeper, Bradley D. Schultz, Kate-lyn M. Schultze, Hayden P. Solberg, Brandon M. Williams, Autumn A. Wolf, Morgan P. Zebedee

**GRADE 11:** Madysen N. Allen, Gibson S. Berg, Kelly Chen, Kainen C. Craig, Gracia S. Heille, Audrianna R. Lewison, Kelly A. Lopau, Madison Maakestad, Aeryn C. Martius, Jayden L. Mayhall, Brooklyn R. Meyer, Jacalyn R. Reischl, Acacia M. Schmidt, Allison M. Schwieger, Sara E. Sundblad, Brooke L. Van Gelderen, Raquel M. Vaughn, Gracie L. Ziemer

**GRADE 10:** Cadence A. Becker, Vanessa J. Bliesmer, Lauren M. Davis, Skye M. Dobie, Brenden J. Eckmann, Thalia M. Fernandez, Emily M. Frank, Adriana L. Gervais, Jasmine E. Hansen, Riley L. Henzler, Jaya L. Johnson, Angelica J. Kerekes, Grace M. Klunder, Hannah T. Linse, Brittney L. Mosloski, Vanessa P. Munich, Alexis R. Newville, Rayah M. Quiring, Alec I. Reutzel, Carissa R. Saxton, Aubrey L. Scholl, Ellie K. Schultze, Grace J. Slinde, Kinze S. Stradtman, Libby S. Totzke, Maggy M. Totzke

**GRADE 9:** Mia A. Acosta, Kynlie L. Anderson, Selma J. Bleess, Candace M. Burns, Anna G.

## Fairmont Area High School 1st Semester Highest Honor Roll

Fairmont Area High School announces the following students have achieved Highest Honor Roll status 4.0 and higher GPA):

**GRADE 12:** Joni L. Becker, Daniel P. Betts, Daniel Brummond, Mckayla E. Chambers, Kaitlyn A. Freese, Tyson D. Geerdes, Savannah L. Glienke, Blake B. Haugen, Aaron E. Hendricks, Lillian G. Hohensee, Sophie M. Johnson, Alexis E. Kaufman, Emily J. Kerekes, Apoorva Komaragiri, Campbell L. Krusemark, Jennifer E. Moeller, Isabella K. Munsch, Chloe M. Murphy, Antonio D. Ortega, Kady D. Pedroza, Jacob W. Rahn, Emma M. Schultze, Bergen A. Senf, Zachary R. Soelter, Andrea E. Westcott, Zihao Yang, Tyrell T. Zieske

**GRADE 11:** Connor D. Artner, Eden M. Becker, Josie M. Bleess, Carolinne Y. Ciramagua Valencia, Karalyn J. Closs, Isabell O. Geiger, Lauren N. Green, Ethan D. Grunewald, Emily G. Hagen, Faith M. Heille, Morgan M. Hoong, Thomas J. Klanderud, Ameya Komaragiri,

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## 2020 Pork Ambassadors

Emily Matejka, of Sherburn, daughter of Roger and Rita Matejka was named 2020 Martin County Pork Producer Ambassador. Emily receives a \$1,500 scholarship, will read her winning essay at the Martin County Pork Producers banquet on March 23 and will compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador at Farm Fest in August. First runner-up was Macey Becker, of Granada, daughter of Ben and Cassie Becker. Second runner-up was Alexys Flohrs, of Truman, daughter of Jeff and Michelle Flohrs. Macey and Alexys will also receive scholarships and compete for the title of Minnesota State Pork Ambassador.

**Congratulations to these individuals!**



The Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-1919

Guest Columnist

Lenny Tvedten, Director, Martin County Historical Society

Late fall and early winter is notorious for being a time when respiratory illnesses and the “flu” seems to rear its ugly head. Precautions can be made with hand washing and influenza vaccinations, however, there was a time when flu vaccines didn’t exist and preventive methods for avoiding the “flu” were not as well practiced.

Currently, in addition to the annual influenza concerns, the Coronavirus has created a global concern about a potential pandemic, a disease that could be prevalent throughout the world. “CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and which has now been detected in 37 locations internationally, including cases in the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

“The pandemic of 1918-1919, a deadly killer of people in the twenty to forty age groups, came in three waves. The first wave occurred when mild cases of influenza erupted in the late spring and summer of 1918. The second wave involved a severe outbreak of influenza in the fall of 1918. The final wave took

place in the spring of 1919. This pandemic left twenty million dead across the world, including 675,000 dead in the United States.”

“In the United States, it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world’s population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.”

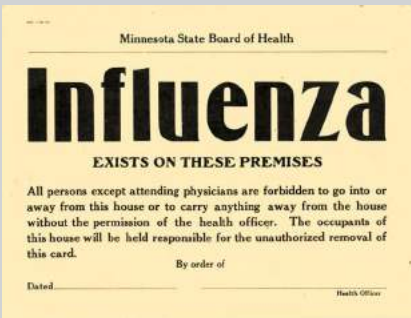
“I n Minnesota, the Paulson family of Wells was one of the first to be sickened by the outbreak. Three of the Paulson children were in the military fighting the Great War. On September 14th they received word that one son in the military had caught pneumonia. Within three days they were notified of his death. Shortly thereafter, another brother and a sister in the Paulson family succumbed to the flu. By the end of September, a large number of army recruits being temporarily housed at the University of Minnesota became ill. In less than a week after influenza was first reported, Minneapolis had more than 1,000 cases. On October 10th, all public meetings were banned and on the 11th,

all schools, churches, theaters, dance halls and billiard parlors were closed. By the time the pandemic ended in Minnesota in 1920, 75,000 people had been sickened and 12,000 were dead.”

The 1918 flu pandemic also left its insidious mark on Martin County. Spanish Influenza was reported in Welcome, Fox Lake and Sherburn. Fairmont physicians initially reported a number of cases of the usual “fall grip,” but no

influenza yet. However, as time would tell, things quickly deteriorated.

In the fall of 1918 the pandemic seemed to be getting worse by the day. In October, newspaper accounts reported forty flu cases in Fairmont. Other reports stated that Dr. Hunt and his son were treating cases in Blue Earth, Granada, and surrounding towns as well as Fairmont. Fairmont schools, churches, Sunday schools, and theaters were closed. Billy Hay and W. L. Nicholas voluntarily closed the Strand Theater as they did not want to be responsible for spreading



the disease. They also canceled a production scheduled for the Haynic. Schools closed in October, reopened later, only to be closed again in November.

Precautions to prevent the flu were printed in the newspapers. They outlined the obvious including hand washing and isolating yourself if ill. Other suggested preventatives listed were walking to work, keeping your teeth clean, gargling, and wearing face masks. In addition, detailed instructions were printed as to how to actually make effective face masks. Whether any of these measures were effective or were actually followed by the public is unclear.

Local doctors and their families were not immune from the disease. The October 25, 1918, issue of the Martin County Sentinel reported the death of Dr. George Panzer of Truman. The story stated that after an exhaustive three weeks of tending to his patients who had the flu, he became ill with the flu himself and died. Dr. Panzer had only been a Truman resident for about one year. It was also reported that the wife of Dr. Strobel of Welcome died of the flu.

Interestingly enough, it seemed that the use of liquor was advocated to some extent as a means of curing or preventing the flu. The December 13, 1918, edition of the Martin County Sentinel stated the following in a story warning against the use of liquor: “An insidious propaganda has been carried on by the liquor interests to the effect that whiskey is a prevention and cure for influenza.” The article went on to relate the unfortunate experience of an individual on his deathbed stating that he had read an advertisement saying liquor was used to treat influenza and that he had drank whiskey as a result. It apparently had no positive effect leading to his ultimate demise.

It is obvious from historical documentation that the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic took a severe

South Dakota, reported as follows: “Yesterday the Home Guards patrolling the streets were kept busy enforcing the city ordinances prohibiting spitting on sidewalks. J. Mulcaby was haled into Judge Nystrom’s court charged with flagrant violation of the anti-spitting ordinance. He entered a plea of not guilty.”

Influenza is obviously an illness to be respected and treated appropriately. The emergence of new and mutating viruses, such as the Coronavirus, is a concern and an ongoing challenge to the CDC and the global healthcare community. The Spanish Flu Pandemic occurred over 100 years ago, in 1918/1919. With today’s advancements in science and technology it would seem that a pandemic could be avoided, or at least mitigated. We all hope that’s the case in today’s world.

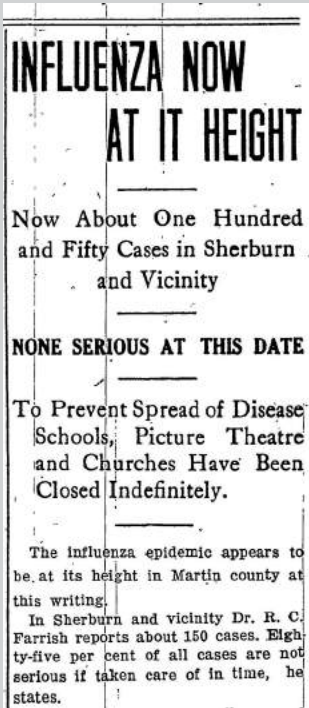
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# What's Cooking

with Kathy Lloyd

## Flower Pot time!

Every fall we take 8 potted geranium plants down to a cool storage room in our basement and put them to bed for the winter! Then on March 1st or thereabouts Pa Lloyd brings them upstairs where he lines them up in front of a window, I trim them way back, believe it or not without water or sun all winter they do start sprouting some weak colored sprouts and leaves, then I mix up some vitamins ( Miracle grow) and start caring for them. Most of them are starting to sprout tiny green leaves and by May they will be ready to flower and put out on our front steps! I used to take them out of the flower pots and put them in paper bags and put them away for the winter, sometimes they survived, sometimes not. Now we just put the plant, pot and all to bed, works much better and so much easier! Best of all it saves money. The way it felt today spring has to be just around the corner!

Easter too will soon be here. Today I am sharing a easy breakfast dish to try.

**Impossible Ham and Swiss Pie:**  
2 cups diced ham  
1 cup Swiss chees, grated  
1/2 cup yellow onion, finely chopped  
4 large eggs beaten  
2 cups whole milk  
1 cup dry biscuit mix  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. garlic powder  
1/2 tsp. onion powder  
1/4 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees, lightly grease a 10 inch pie plate with butter or non-stick spray.  
Spread ham out on the bottom of the pie dish, top with onions and Swiss cheese.  
In a large bowl, whisk together eggs, milk and biscuit mix, then add seasonings. Pour egg mixture over ham, onions and cheese, then place pie dish in oven.  
Bake for 35-40 minutes or until top is golden brown and bubbly and toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve hot. Have a great week!

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to all the businesses and individuals who supported our dinner

On behalf of Chain Lake Lodge 64 Martin County Area Masons, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the area businesses, sponsors and patrons for their donations, services and attendance this year and also for making our 26th Annual Spaghetti Supper Scholarship fund raiser a success. Had we not received those generous monetary donations and the community support we wouldn't have been able to achieve our goal. This year with the assistance of matching funds up to \$3000 from the Minnesota Masonic Charities Community Scholarships Program, we will be awarding six \$1000.00 scholarships to Martin County Area High Schools seniors pursuing higher education after graduation. A huge thank you goes out to the staff and congregation of the Grace Lutheran Church for again donating the use of their wonderful kitchen / dining area to prepare, cook, and serve, our community scholarship fundraiser and appreciation open door meals March 2nd – March 4th, 2020. Scholarship applications opened March 1st and can be located at <https://chainlakemasons.org/scholarship>. Deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m., April 15th, 2020.

Masonic Scholarship Committee

**Chain Lake Lodge #64**  
**Fairmont, Minnesota**

## Fairmont City Council proceedings

Among the items brought up at Monday night's Fairmont City Council meeting was an ongoing discussion of the investigation into the former city attorney and whether some of the information collected by an outside investigator should or could be made public.

The interim City Attorney advised that some of the information in the investigator's report concerned private personnel data so the council could not make it public. However, he would investigate further and report his opinion to the administrator.

In other agenda items, it was questioned whether the mini roundabout at the intersection of Blue Earth Avenue and Downtown Plaza was reviewed by the city's Safety Council. City Engineer Troy Nemmers said the Safety Council will be asked for its

input, although the matter has been through an online survey and public meetings. The \$4.7 million project is approaching the bidding process.

In other business, the city has received 11 applications for the city administrator position.

A special meeting on March 16th will continue the selection process for a new city attorney.

The council approved a plan for closure of the lime ponds west of Fairmont.

The council approved a donation of \$5,000 for the 2020 Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Hunting Opener, to be held in Fairmont.

The City Council meetings can be viewed live on Channel 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays and are re-aired on Mondays at 2:00 and 10:00 am and pm and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:00, 7:00 and 10:00 am and pm.

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Martin County Library in Fairmont to host **Bingo for Adults**. Stop by the Fairmont Library and enjoy an Afternoon Bingo event for adults. Held on Tuesday, March 17 at 2:00 pm, come and play Bingo. There is no cost to attend, no registration required and this event is open to the public. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

**Aktion Club Theatre**, a part of Kiwanis International, will meet Thursday, March 12th from 4:30-6:00 pm in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont. For any questions about the group, or if you need a ride to this event, please call Pat Kietzer at 507-848-5017 or the Arc office at 507-235-8580. The public's invited to join any of our theatrical practices.

[martincountylibrary.org](http://martincountylibrary.org)

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- \*Strengthens your writing ability: The more you read, the better you will become at writing!

## 25 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF MARCH 11, 1995**

Fairmont natives Mark Nelson and Dale Engquist returned to stage at Opera House March, 25.

FHS Class of 1965 was planning Class reunion at Fairmont Holiday inn.

Do you recognize this number? 238-0123 You probably do if you lived in Ceylon, East Chain, Fairmont, Northrop, Truman or Welcome. Time...Temp...

The annual meeting of the **Fairmont Farmers Market Association** will be Thursday, March 19th, 2020 at the Presentation College in Fairmont. The meeting begins at 5:30. All current vendors and anyone interested in being a part of the Farmers Market are urged to attend. Room 112, use the southwest entrance.

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE PHOTO PRESS

**WEEK OF MARCH 11, 1970**

Milly's Eat Shop, operated at 117 W. First St., by Leonard Milbrandt, was closing its doors to make room for construction by the Fairmont Federal Savings and Loan of a new building which would occupy the entire half-block.

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The Sherburn Raiders won the District 5 crown, 71-48 over Wells, bringing their undefeated string to 21 straight. The Raider victory paired Sherburn with the District 2 champion Luverne team at the regional tourney in Mankato and Jackson, the winner of which would go to state.

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Plans on the \$3.9 million hospital project in Fairmont were to be re-evaluated because of too-high bids. The hospital administrator said the delay might be as long as six months.

## Martin Luther High School Trivia Knight

All community trivia buffs are invited to compete at a Trivia Knight Battle of the Brains on Saturday, March 21 at Martin Luther High School, Northrop. The "meeting of the minds" begins at 6:30 p.m. Teams of 8 people (ages 13+) should sign up before March 16 at [www.martinlutherhs.com/trivia-knight.html](http://www.martinlutherhs.com/trivia-knight.html). Registration is \$80/team. Prizes will be given out. Refreshments will be available. Questions: Call 507-436-5249. Proceeds will go the 2021 Europe Educational Tour.

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## OBITUARY notices

### Gloria N. Nelson, 60



A memorial visitation for Gloria N. Nelson, 60, of Fairmont, will be held 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 11th,

2020, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont with a memorial service held at a later date. Gloria passed away Sunday afternoon, March 1st, 2020, at the Valley Vue Care Center in Armstrong, IA. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Gloria Nova (Odegaard) Nelson was born on April 20th, 1959, in Estherville, IA, the daughter of Norman and Deloris (Prust) Odegaard. She attended school in Ceylon and graduated from Ceylon High School with the class of 1977.

Gloria was a hard worker and enjoyed working with numbers. She was a

great bookkeeper taking care of the books for many years for her brother Gale in addition to also working for Nasby for over 10 years.

In her younger years, Gloria enjoyed warm summer days spent out on the open road on her Volkswagen trike motorcycle. Later in life, Gloria found a passion for antiques and looked forward to finding the next great treasure at area rummage sales. She cherished spending time with family and friends and looked forward to bingo night and the chance to call out "BINGO!" Family was extremely important to Gloria and she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Brandie (Billy) Boyd, Brandon Loesch, and Joe Nelson (Macy Vonruden); many grandchildren; siblings, Ben (Sally) Odegaard, Gale (Rhoda) Odegaard, Shirley (Randy) Cunningham, and John Paul (Janie) Odegaard; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Gloria was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Deloris Odegaard; sister, Helen Brenden; brother, Steve Odegaard; nephews, William Odegaard, and Ryan Cunningham; as well as many other family.

[lakeviewfuneralhome.net](http://lakeviewfuneralhome.net)

## DEATH notices



February 27 - Arden L. Kramersmeier, 78, Ledyard, IA  
Oakcrest Funeral Services

March 1 - Gloria N. Nelson, 60, of Fairmont

Lakeview Funeral and Cremation Service

March 1 - Norma M. Henricksen, 94, Armstrong, IA  
Henry Olson Funeral Home

### In Memorium

#### One Year Ago This Week

March 4 - Larry J. Totzke, 71, Fairmont

March 5 - Jimmie W. Minscer, 74, Fairmont

March 6 - Jacob "Jake" Fretty, 84, Fairmont

March 8 - Dorothy A. Osland, 92, McMurray, PA  
(formerly Fairmont)

March 8 - Christy A. Blom-Fryer, 42, Sioux Falls

March 9 - Todd D. Eves, 58, Dunnell

March 11 - Paul R. Klenke, 70, Welcome

### Norma M. Henricksen, 94



Funeral Services for Norma May Henricksen,

94, Armstrong, Iowa were held Monday, March 9th at United Lutheran Church in Ringsted, Iowa. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont. Norma died on Sunday, March 1st, 2020 at Valley Vue Care Center in Armstrong. Henry Olson Funeral Home of Armstrong assisted the family with arrangements.

Norma May Henricksen, the daughter of Oscar and Irva (Schneider) Jenison was born March 5th, 1925 in Belmond, Iowa. She graduated from Olivie High School before

marrying Edgar Kleven on November 13th, 1943. To this union, four children were born, Loren, Dolores, Charlene, and Roger. The couple made their home in the Mora, MN area and settled in the East Chain area in 1951, where Norma raised their children. Edgar passed away August 24th of 1978.

On May 22nd, 1981 she was united in marriage to Charles Tusa, and the couple made their home in Alpha, Minnesota. Charles passed away in February of 1982. Norma was then united in marriage to Je-

rome "Rummy" Henricksen on May 25th, 1985; the couple made their home in rural Ringsted. They enjoyed spending their winter months in Pharr, Texas. They also enjoyed taking many other trips together. Jerome passed away on August 5th, 2007. Norma continued to live at home until she became a resident of Valley Vue Care Center in 2016.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and later United Lutheran Church in Ringsted. She was an active member of WELCA. She enjoyed

bowling and cleaned the bowling alley in Fairmont for many years. Norma enjoyed cheering for the Vikings, dancing, golfing, traveling and family.

Left to cherish Norma's memory are her children: Loren (Irene) Kleven of East Chain, MN; Dolores Krumwiede of Fairmont, MN and Charlene (John) Boland of Mason City, IA; step-son Kenneth (Rosalyn) Henricksen of Owatonna, MN; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister

Carolyn Turner (Julian) of Mora, MN and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Oscar and Irva (Schneider) Jenison; husbands Edgar Kleven, Charles Tusa and Jerome Henricksen; son Roger Kleven; son-in-law DuWayne Krumwiede; brothers Beryl Jenison and Jean Jenison; two stepsons; and one step-granddaughter.

[henryolsonfuneral.com](http://henryolsonfuneral.com)

### Michael S. Crouch, 61



Michael Shane Crouch, age 61 of Elkton,

Minnesota, went home peacefully to meet his Lord and Savior on Monday, February 17, 2020, surrounded by his family at Mayo Clinic Hospital Rochester, Methodist Campus. Michael was born July 1, 1958, in Luverne, Minnesota, to Jack and Lorraine (Dreessen) Crouch. He graduated from Trimont High School class of 1976.

On August 31, 1979, he married the love of his life Lori Roben in Worthington, Minnesota. After their marriage, the couple had moved several

times (7) with his job as a hog buyer for 18 years. Michael and Lori then moved to Elkton, Minnesota and started his own business of trucking called Crouch Specialty Carriers, Inc. Over the years Michael was honored to work alongside his 3 sons.

He was a finder of "Lost Souls," Michael was an ordained minister and served as an associate pastor at the Lighthouse of Hope Church in Austin. He enjoyed woodworking, oil painting, and loved to ride his Harley. Michael's greatest joy in life were

his 11 grandchildren, who he was very proud of. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his mother, Lorraine Crouch of Flandreau, SD; he was honored and blessed to have shared his life with his wife of 41 years, Lori Crouch of Elkton, MN; sons, Nathaniel (Colleen) Crouch of Lyle, MN, Nicholas (Megan A.) Crouch of Austin, MN, Danial (Megan E.) Crouch of Lansing, MN; daughter, Rachel (Jeremy) Besser of Albert Lea, MN; 11 grandchildren, Jakob,

Shane, Korrie, Kathryn, Bailey, Natalie, Kylie, KyAnna, Leena, Garrett, and Kinley; sister, Noreen (Dexter) Jorgensen of Burbank, SD; mother-in-law, Beverly Roben of Sherburn, MN; brothers-in-law, Dean (Peggy) Roben of Dothan, AL, Mark (Kara) Roben of Sioux Falls, SD; sisters-in-law, Jacque Crouch of Janesville, MN, Debra Roben of Mesa, AZ, Lisa (Gary) Simonson of Olathe, KS; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Crouch; brother, Jason Crouch; grandparents, Ivyl and

Ethel Crouch, Ervin and Agnes Dreessen; father-in-law, Donald Roben; brother-in-law, David Roben; as well as many extended relatives.

Michael was a gentle soul, a great husband and father. GOD REST HIS SOUL!

A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Crane Community Chapel in Austin. Worlein Funeral Home of Austin is assisting the family with arrangements

[worlein.com](http://worlein.com)

### Arden L. Kramersmeier, 78



Arden Leroy Kramersmeier 78, of Ledyard, IA passed away on February 27 while vacationing in Mesa, AZ due to complications from pneumonia.

Ardie was born January 19, 1942

to Alfred and Hulda (Clausen) Kramersmeier.

Ardie lived his entire life on the family farm outside of Ledyard where he raised some livestock and grain farmed. After graduating from high school Ardie enlisted in the Army. His enlistment ended early due to a parachute accident which left him partially disabled.

Ardie liked to gather with friends, to garden and enjoyed sharing the bountiful harvest that his gardens produced, reading the paper, napping, playing cards, visiting the casinos, and bingo became favorite

pastimes; along with traveling and being with family.

Ardie is survived by his sister Marilyn (Bob) Miller of Pennsylvania; daughters, Ronda Cooper of Winnebago, MN, Jody (Bryan) Roarson of Sloan, IA Sheila (Bruce) Helland of Winnebago, MN Michele (Clint) Winter of Sherburn, MN, Mary Beth Schaal (Monty) of Knokeseville, VA and special friend Emily Eisenman, along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Preceding Ardie in death are his father Alfred, mother Hulda, brother Gerald, life-

partner Geraldine Schaal, son Monty Schaal, and son-in-law Keith Cooper.

Funeral services for Ardie were held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the First United Methodist Church in Swea City. Burial will be in High Land Home Cemetery in Ledyard with Military Honors conducted. [oakcrestfuneralservices.com](http://oakcrestfuneralservices.com)

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Martin County Library in Fairmont to host **Family Fun Night**. Join us at the Fairmont Library for "Leprechauns on the Loose," a themed family fun night on Monday, March 16 at 6 pm. We'll have St. Patrick's day fun for the whole family! This event is free and open to the public, no registration is required. Call the library at 238-4207 with questions.

Martin County Library in Fairmont to host **Sweet Treats and Reads**. Kids in grades 3-6 are invited to join us for Sweet Treats and Reads at the Fairmont Library! We'll have treats, book-related activities and talk about new books we're reading or excited to read! This event is free and no registration is required. Join us on Tuesdays at 4 pm: March 24 and April 14.



# Dining and Entertainment



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## FISH DINNER

MARCH 13

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St. John Vianney School Gym

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A donation from the proceeds will go to ARC/ Special Olympics, local Kinship and Martin County Mentoring program.  
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### FAIRMONT AREA

Menus subject to change due to inclement weather, shortages or delays in shipping.

Breakfast menu can be found online.  
March 12 - 18

**THUR: K-6:** Chicken nuggets, strawberry parfait, mashed potatoes, broccoli, apple, peaches. **JR/HS:** Fajita, pizza, grilled chicken sandwich, peas, pears, berry parfait.  
**FRI: K-6:** Cheese pizza, nachos, roasted broccoli, carrots, oranges, mixed fruit cocktail.  
**JR/HS:** Fish fillet, potatoes au gratin, pizza, green beans, cucumbers, pear, peaches!  
**MON: K-6:** Crispy chicken patty sandwich, egg and cheddar chef salad, baked beans, grape tomatoes, oranges, pears. **JR/HS:** Spaghetti, herb breadstick, pizza, ham and cheddar chef salad, peas, carrots, apple, mandarin oranges.  
**TUE: K-6:** Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, turkey and swiss on pretzel roll, broccoli florets, carrots, apple kiwi wedges. **JR/HS:** BBQ shredded pork sandwich, baked beans, pizza, seasoned carrots, cole-slaw, red bell peppers, orange, applesauce.  
**WED: K-6:** Cheeseburger, ham, cheese and lettuce wrap, crinkle fries, celery sticks, red seedless grapes, fruit cocktail. **JR/HS:** Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pizza, seasoned corn, spinach and cranberry salad, red seedless grapes, pears.

## Red Rock to present FREE Noon concert

Chris Koza in Concert at the Red Rock Center on Tuesday, March 17 - NOON - 1pm in collaboration with the Fairmont Opera House. Chris Koza is a Minneapolis based performer, born out of folk, country, storytelling & rock 'n roll. He honors & builds on Americana traditions by incorporating a unique

pop-music sensibility, subtle synthesizers, rich harmonies, & imaginative production choices. Join us for a sneak peak of what is to come during the full performance Saturday night at the Fairmont Opera House. Bring a sack lunch if desired. Coffee & refreshments will be served. Free, everyone welcome!



## Murder MYSTERY

& Silent Auction Fundraiser



UFFDA: MURDER AT THE WHOLLY HOTDISH

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

6:30 pm

Cash Bar Opens: 5:30 pm  
3 Course Meal

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Friday, March 13 • 5-7pm:

Month's Burger:  
Eagle Burger

Burger Night  
Burgers \$6



Sunday, March 15 • 8:30am to 12:30pm: Breakfast Buffet • \$10

Monday, March 16: Kitchen opens 5pm • Bingo 7pm

Tuesday, March 17: Dart League • 7pm

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For a complete listing of animals available for adoption, visit: [www.pawprints.petfinder.com](http://www.pawprints.petfinder.com).

A Soup and Sandwich Lunch will be held at Martin Luther High School, Northrop Sunday, March 15th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is a free will donation which will go to the student tuition aid fund. Menu includes: Home-style Chicken Noodle; Baked potato Chowder w/Bacon; and Beer Cheese Soups; Ham and Egg Salad Sandwiches; Assorted Cupcakes; and Greg's Heavenly Home-made Ice Cream; and beverages.

Kindergarten / Preschool Round-up will take place at St. James Lutheran School Northrop on Monday, March 16th Open House from 5:00-7:00 PM for all parents and children. Mrs. Kristen Schoen, teacher and Mr. Jon Jenks, Principal will explain our program and answer any questions you may have. Sign up your children at this time in order to secure a place for your children in the 2020-21 school year.

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Saturday, March 28 • 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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Cost (per person): \$18 (pre-sale)  
\$20 (at the door)

Tickets may be purchased from Lions members,  
Ringnell Insurance in Sherburn or  
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GET YOUR TICKETS BEFORE WE SELL OUT!  
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## Upcoming Events

Fri. March 13

5:00 pm

All You Can Eat Fish  
\$12 per Person

Sat. March 14

1:30 pm

Cribbage Tourney  
\$10 per Person

Sat. March 14

7:00 pm

"White Sidewalls"

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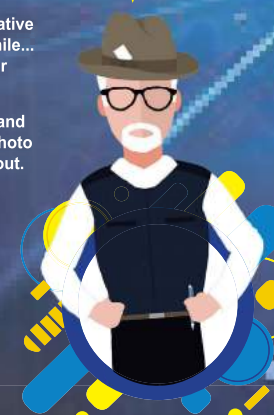
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## "Just the other day"

**Guest Columnist**

**Tom Palen, broadcaster, pilot, writer**



### Socks and Silverware

It's happened to everyone I know; you're running late for work or an appointment. You dash to the dryer to grab a particular pair of socks...but you can only find one. You quickly throw all the laundry in a basket, run to the bedroom and dump the clothes on your bed. Frantically, you search through the static-charged clothing to find the other, but it is not there. Immediately,

the washing machine gets blamed for eating another sock. You probably left the house wearing socks that look ridiculous with the pants you had on or maybe even an unmatched pair.

Ever since mom traded her red and white Maytag wringer washer for an automatic machine, socks have been disappearing in the laundry. But washing machines aren't the only

untrustworthy appliance in the house.

When Melissa and I were married, we received dishes as a wedding gift. Dinner and salad plates, bowls and cups – a setting for ten. Our mismatched collection of silverware did not look good with the new dishes, so Melissa bought new. We kept the old and to this day we have two silverware drawers.

Day to day, I prefer the

old knives and forks, but when company comes, we break out the good stuff. The new flatware came in a setting for eight. Since we had dishes for ten, Melissa bought two sets of the silverware. It has a hammered pattern on the sturdy handle. It looks really nice, especially with our plates, but I think the handles are too heavy.

The other day I was emptying the dishwasher. It seemed the silverware count was off, so I took an inventory. We have fifteen dinner forks and nine salad forks; fifteen small spoons, nine soup spoons and twelve table knives. We originally had sixteen

of each. Where did the rest of the silverware go?

I checked the dishwasher, as one would check the washer for a lost sock; there was nothing there. I checked the other drawer to see if some of the new was mixed in with the old. Nope. I looked in the cooking utensils drawer and struck out again.

Pondering the whereabouts of the missing silverware, I began thinking of likely suspects. I began reciting that old nursery rhymes: "Hey, diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow jumped over the moon; The little dog laughed to see such sport, and the dish ran away

with the spoon."

With one eyebrow raised, I looked at my dog June, with suspicion. She looked at me declaring, "I didn't take it. I don't eat with silverware." She was innocent and the dish couldn't have run off with the spoon, because all the dishes are present and accounted for.

I've concluded, either...

...a beast - a real monster... she didn't hear me, was or just ignoring me...I danced...

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## A Holder of Slush

**Guest Columnist**

**Darwin Anthony, Business Owner, Artist, Writer**



Those of us who drive in the summer have faced it. We see the approaching summer storm up ahead. The dark blue, rolling, low cloud of summer tells us what we are about to face. It happens quickly! A wall of water hits the windshield with great force. Sudden red taillights on the car in front of us warn us that they are either slowing down or stopping. We wonder what the other driver will do! Do they have the driving experience to deal under such adverse driving situations?

Those of us who drive in the winter sometimes face difficult driving. Such driving is most dangerous when unexpected. I remember an incident when the road was A HOLDER OF SLUSH. It is the only time that I ever ended up in the ditch. I was driving on a rural gravel road after a wet and heavy snow. It happened so suddenly! The car went out of control when it hit a ridge of slush. I remember the shock of going into the ditch. I was driving slowly and the car ended up in the ditch without damage. However,

such an uncontrollable incident left a "strong memory of fear".

Yesterday was a day that started out bright and clear. We questioned if we could believe what the weather person was forecasting. We were driving the interstate highway toward home with confidence. The sun was shining and the road was clear. Traffic on the interstate was moving above the allowable speed. Then it happened! Something in the distance looked different. The farm groves in the distance became faint and suddenly disappeared. What looked like fog was actually the leading edge of the predicted winter storm. Fine flakes began to hit the windshield. The windshield wiper races across the dry windshield to clear away the small drops of moisture and snow. Suddenly larger snow flakes begin to appear. They splash as they hit the windshield as they contain a great amount of moisture. Soon the roadway becomes A HOLDER OF SLUSH. Cars and trucks that are traveling ahead of us make two

pathways within the snow in the outside lane. Experience tells that "ridges of danger" are located between these pathways. Then I notice it coming in my rear view mirror. A large truck will be passing me. It looks large and dominating. I notice the front wheels part the accumulation on the inside lane of the road. It passes me slowly and then it happens. The many wheels throw up the expected. The spray is almost blinding as it passes! "We stay in our lane" and question if such truckers understand what happens in the outside lane as they pass. Do they realize how vision disappears? Yet, what can they do?

Everyone enters a stretch of road which has been cleared of snow. The HOLDER OF SLUSH has relinquished the accumulation to a large snow plow with flashing blue lights. It cleared the HOLDER OF SLUSH with a frontend snow plow, a side mounted wing plow and an angled blade located under it. Several drivers in the outside lane notice as the road began to appear clear

and started to pass. Plowing the HOLDER OF SLUSH ended several miles later. Some drivers still tried to pass in the unplowed lane. They soon realize the pull of the HOLDER OF SLUSH. They had not learned to stay in their lane. Many drivers follow other cars much too closely. They fail to understand the importance of allowing a greater distance under such conditions.

I could feel the strain of such driving! I was happy that we had started home in the daylight. Driving in such conditions would be much more difficult in darkness. Getting to our destination produced a feeling of appreciation for those who operate snow plows, for the many understanding and skilled drivers on the road, for getting home without incident and an appreciation for those who taught us to drive.



**Gold Award Girl Scout Izzy Munsch was recognized at the River Valley's Girl Scout Council's 2019 Silver & Gold Award Recognition Ceremony on March 3. Pictured are Izzy and River Valley's CEO Tish Bolger.**

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## What Seniors Need To Know At Tax-Filing Time

Retirement And The IRS: What Seniors Need To Know At Tax-Filing Time

Retirement and the effects of aging come with a lot of changes, but at least one thing remains constant.

Every April 15th, Uncle Sam wants to make sure you're paying any taxes you might owe him.

"Whether you're retired or not, the IRS is still going to be interested in your income," says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange who is known as the "Retirement

Genius."

"That said, though, there are tax rules that are specific to older Americans, so it's important to be aware of the different ways you might be able to reduce your tax bill that weren't available to you when you were younger."

He says some factors to be mindful of as you plan or file your taxes include:

You may qualify for a larger standard deduction. For many Americans, including many seniors, there's no reason to itemize your deductions anymore

because the standard deduction is so high - \$12,200 for a single person and \$24,400 for a married couple filing jointly. But you can get an even higher standard deduction if either you or your spouse is 65 or older, and a still higher deduction if either of you is blind. "If you aren't itemizing, then you want to make sure you're getting the maximum standard deduction that you are allowed because that's going to impact how much of your income is taxed," Orestis says.

Yes, your Social Security benefit may be taxed. The rules for how much - if any - of your Social Security benefit is taxed can be tricky, so you want to be extra careful with that, Orestis says. According to the Social Security Administration, if you're filing as an individual, and your Social Security benefit plus any other taxable income you have is between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you may be taxed up to 50 percent of your benefit. If your combined income is more than \$34,000

then up to 85 percent of the benefit may be taxable. For married couples filing jointly, if the combined income is between \$32,000 and \$44,000, you may have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. If your income is more than \$44,000 then up to 85 percent of your benefits may be taxable.

You may be able to deduct long-term care insurance premiums. Owners of long-term care insurance policies can take tax deductions on premiums they pay for qualified plans - as well as other reimbursed medical expenses such as Medicare premiums - as long as the premiums are greater than 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, Orestis says.

Selling your life insurance policy has advantages. "There can be significant tax benefits for people who sell their life insurance policy through what is called a 'life settlement,'" Orestis says. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), the proceeds from a life settlement are fully exempt from federal

taxes if the policy owner is terminally or chronically ill. Those who are not terminally or chronically ill do pay capital-gain taxes on the proceeds from the sale, minus the amount in premiums the policyholder paid over the life of the policy.

You may want to increase contributions to your retirement accounts. Of course, many seniors aren't adding anything to their IRAs or 401(k)s. Instead, they are regularly withdrawing money to pay for monthly living expenses. But if you're still working, you can increase your contributions, which can both reduce your tax bill now and give you an even larger nest egg when you do retire, Orestis says. The IRS limits how much you can contribute each year, but that limit increases once you turn 50. For example, for both traditional and Roth IRAs, people younger than 50 can't contribute more than \$6,000 annually, but those 50 and older can contribute up to \$7,000.

"The important thing to remember is that you may have options at tax time that you hadn't thought about," Orestis says. "Knowing the tax rules and how they apply to your personal situation, and seeking

professional advice, can make a huge difference."

About Chris Orestis

Chris Orestis, known as the "Retirement Genius," is President of LifeCare Xchange and a nationally recognized healthcare expert and senior advocate. He has 25 years experience in the insurance and long-term care industries, and is credited with pioneering the Long-Term Care Life Settlement over a decade ago. Known as a political insider, Orestis is a former Washington, D.C., lobbyist who has worked in both the White House and for the Senate Majority Leader on Capitol Hill. Orestis is author of the books Help on the Way and A Survival Guide to Aging, and has been speaking for over a decade across the country about senior finance and the secrets to aging with physical and financial health. He is a frequent columnist for Broker World, ThinkAdvisor, IRIS, and NewsMax Finance, has been a featured guest on over 50 radio programs, and has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, CNBC, NBC News, Fox News, USA Today, Kiplinger's, Investor's Business Daily, PBS, and numerous other media outlets.

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## Finalizing Crop Insurance Decisions For 2020

Guest Columnist

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The deadline to purchase crop insurance for corn and soybeans for the 2020 crop year is March 16. The crop insurance base prices for 2020 revenue protection (RP) and yield protection (YP) insurance policies have been established at \$3.88 per bushel for corn and \$9.17 per bushel for soybeans. The 2020 base prices are a decline from 2019 base prices of 12 cents per bushel for corn 37 cents per bushel for soybeans. Choosing crop insurance coverage is one of the more important risk management decisions that producers make each year. Following are some key items to consider when making 2020 crop insurance decisions:

- Crop Insurance premiums for 2020 should be similar to 2019 premiums, or slightly lower.

2020 Crop Insurance premiums for most cov-

erage levels of corn and soybeans in the Midwest should be similar or slightly lower to comparable 2019 premium levels, due to reduced base price levels for both crops in 2020, and a relatively low volatility levels.

- There are a wide variety of crop insurance policies and coverage levels available.

Make sure you are comparing "apples to apples" when comparing crop insurance premium

costs for various options or types of crop insurance policies, as well as recognizing the

limitations and the differences of the various crop insurance products.

- Use caution in moving forward with Area Risk Protection (ARP) crop insurance plans.

Some insurance companies have been promoting the ARP crop insur-

ance option for 2020, due to the ability to purchase up to the 90 percent coverage level, using the same price structure as RP policies. However, be aware that ARP policies use county-level yields for APH yield guarantees and final harvest yields, whereas RP policies utilize the farm APH yields to calculate the initial insurance guarantee. There is also no yield protection against isolated yield losses on individual farm units with APH policies. APH works best if your primary risk management concern is price protection, but not as well to protect for yield risk.

- View crop insurance decisions from a risk management perspective.

Given the tight profit margins for crop production in 2020, some producers may have a tendency to reduce their crop insur-

ance coverage, in order to save a few dollars per acre. However, a producer must first decide: "How much financial risk can I handle if there are greatly reduced crop yields due to potential weather problems in 2020, and/or lower than expected crop prices?" RP crop insurance policies serve as an excellent risk management tool for these situations, and 2020 may not be a good year to reduce insurance coverage, given the current uncertainty surrounding crop prices.

- Take a good look at the 85% coverage levels, especially when using "enterprise units" with RP insurance policies.

Many Midwest corn and soybean producers have been utilizing a minimum of 80 % RP coverage with "enterprise units" in recent years. 2020 may be the time to consider upgrading to the 85% coverage level, especially for soybeans. In many cases, the 85% coverage level offers considerably more protection, with a modest increase in premium costs. Many producers will be able to guarantee

near \$550.00 to \$700.00 per acre for corn, and near \$350.00 to \$475.00 per acre for soybeans, at the 85% coverage level for 2020, particularly when utilizing trend-adjusted APH yields.

- Analyze crop insurance "add-on" policies.

Some private insurance companies also have "add-on" policies that allow producers to expand the crop insurance coverage beyond the 85 percent maximum coverage allowed with Federal crop insurance, as well as adding special hail or wind insurance coverage. It is important for producers to understand the insurance coverage and payment formulas of these policies, as well as to analyze the added premium costs, before deciding to purchase the "add-on" policies.

- Analyze the value of "Optional" versus "Enterprise" crop insurance units.

Many times, producers automatically opt for "enterprise units" every year, due to the lower premium cost per acre for similar coverage, and probably not totally understanding

the differences in coverage between "enterprise units" and "optional units". It is important to analyze the yield risk on each individual farm unit, when determining if paying the extra premium for insurance coverage with "optional units" makes sense. If a producer has farm units that are more spread out geographically, with more variation in soil types and drainage, and has greater concerns with yield variability, they may want to consider "optional units".

- "Supplemental Crop Option" (SCO) insurance possibility.

Producers that chose the "price loss coverage" (PLC) farm program option for 2020 have the option to purchase additional county-level SCO crop insurance coverage up to a maximum of 86 percent coverage. The SCO coverage fills the gap up to the 86% coverage level from the coverage level chosen by the producer (75%, 80%, 85%, etc.) for Yield Protection (YP) or Revenue Protection (RP)

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insurance coverage. For example, a producer that purchases an 80% RP policy could purchase an additional 6% SCO coverage at a fairly low premium cost. SCO insurance calculations utilize the same base and harvest prices as traditional crop insurance policies; however, SCO utilizes county average yields rather than farm-level yields.

- Use caution when considering RPE insurance policies to reduce premium costs.

If the “harvest price” (average CBOT price in Oct.) for corn or soybeans is lower than the “base price” (average CBOT price in Feb.), the RP and RPE payment calculations function similarly, and RPE premium costs are slightly less than RP premiums at similar coverage levels. However, there is considerable added risk in utilizing a RPE policy when the final “harvest price” exceeds the “base price”, and your farm unit(s) have a yield loss that exceeds the insurance coverage level (such as in a year with a national drought).

- In most instances, utilize the Trend Adjusted (TA)-APH endorsement for 2020.
  - Many producers in the Upper Midwest have been able to significantly enhance their insurance protection in recent years by utilizing the TA-APH option, with only slightly higher premium costs. Using the TA-APH endorsement is a very good crop insurance strategy for most eligible corn, soybeans, and wheat producers.
  - Where to get more information on 2020 crop insurance alternatives.
- A reputable crop insurance agent is the best resource to find out more details of the various coverage plans and to more information regarding


2020 crop insurance decisions. Following are some very good web sites with crop insurance information:

USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA) : <http://www.rma.usda.gov>

University of Illinois FarmDoc : <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/cropins>

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### Ask A Trooper: DWI arrest question

by Sgt. Troy Christianson, MN State Patrol

**Question: I heard DWI arrests are declining, is this true? What about non-alcohol related DWI arrests?**

Answer: While alcohol-related DWI incidents have dropped over the past 10 years in Minnesota, controlled substance-related DWI incidents have increased over the past 30 years.

Controlled Substance Convictions

- 1990: 5 controlled substance-related DWIs
- 1997: 128
- 2007: 659
- 2017: 1,982

We believe that most drivers know to get a sober ride when they had consumed too many alcoholic beverages. Illicit and some prescription medications can also affect our ability to safely operate a vehicle, even if taken as directed. The term “controlled substances” refers to both of these categories, and part of the rise of drug-related DWIs is due to increased use.

Another factor for the increase in controlled substance arrests are that law enforcement officers are better trained in DWI detection especially with non-alcohol

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A PORTION OF PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PERTAINING TO  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION, PER DIEM & EXPENSES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 @ 9:00 A.M.

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by vice Chair Steve Flohrs. Commissioners present were Steve Flohrs, Richard Koons, and Elliot Belgard. Commissioners Kathy Smith and Tom Mahoney were absent. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Terry Viesselman, County Attorney, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

On Motions duly made and adopted the following action was taken:

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, to approve and authorize resolution Establishing the CY2020 County Commissioner Compensation, Per Diems, and Expenses. Roll call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Flohrs, and Belgard. Commissioners Smith and Mahoney were absent. NAYS: None.

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RESOLUTION

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION, PER DIEM & EXPENSES

WHEREAS, Chapter 301 of the Session Laws 1975 provides a method for determining County Commissioners' compensation, per diem pay, and expense allowances, and

WHEREAS, resolution of the County Board establishing the salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowance must be made before January first of each year so as to become effective January first of the next year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County after due deliberation and discussion, have determined the annual salary, schedule of per diem payments, and expense allowances that will be effective January 1, 2020, and thereafter, until changed by resolution of the Board in a manner provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County as follows:

1. That the annual salary of each County Commissioner of Martin County shall be the sum of \$25,819.75 plus an additional \$1,000 per year for the Chairman; and \$500 per year for Vice Chair and/or Commissioners appointed to the Personnel Committee with the exception of the Board Chair, payable bi-weekly, less such deductions as are authorized or required by law, and shall be paid to such Commissioner during such interval as he or she is qualified by law to hold such office.
2. That each individual County Commissioner shall be paid one per diem of \$75.00 each day spent in performing the official duties connected with the office. The per diem pay may be paid to any individual County Commissioner making application therefore, who, by proper designation or authorization, has served or is an alternate on any board, committee, or commission of County government, including committees of the Board or for the performance of service for any of the following work, service or activity

Region Nine Delegate  
F/M Human Services Board  
Praeland Joint Powers Board  
Delegate to M.V.A.C.  
Building Committee  
Personnel Committee  
MN Extension Service Committee  
Region Nine E.M.S.  
County Highway Liaison  
South Central HRA Board  
County Insurance Committee  
Transit Advisory Comm. (TAC)  
Jail/Justice Center Committee  
Planning and Zoning Commission Liaison  
Investment in Current/Future Emp.  
MCIT Delegate  
Labor Management Committee  
GIS Committee  
Library Board Alternate  
Drug Court Representative  
Bureau 14 (Chamber of Commerce)  
Community Center Feasibility Committee  
MC Substance Abuse Prevention  
Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (AIS)  
Traverse de Sioux Library Board  
Compensation Advisory Committee (CAC)

South Central Workforce Council  
County Water Plan Committee  
GBERBA Board  
AMC Delegate  
County Park/Trails Board  
Community Corrections  
Law Library Board  
Safety Committee  
State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)  
Economic Development Board  
County GASB Committee  
Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Liaison  
Library Board  
Public Relations Campaign Comm.  
County Solid Waste Committee  
Highway 15 Coalition  
Drainage/ Joint Drainage Authority  
County Strategic Planning Committees  
Broadband Steering Committee  
Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB)  
South Central Minnesota/Regional Radio Board  
Fairmont Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Faribault-Martin Transit Board JPB  
Kinship Board  
SBDC Partnership Board  
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

Activities relating to Ditches under the Jurisdiction of the County Board, or under Jurisdiction of a Joint County Ditch Authority.

For such committee, board, or commissioner work or meetings which may be required by law or which is authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, providing that such work, service or activity is authorized by Board action prior to the performance of such work, service or activity.

3. No Commissioner may receive an amount greater than one full per diem payment on any one day. A Commissioner may accept or claim less than the full per diem. If a per diem is paid by another entity or authority for work, service, or activity permitted by this resolution, Martin County shall not pay a per diem for the same work, service or activity.
4. That in addition to the salary and per diems set forth herein, each individual County Commissioner may be paid his or her actual and necessary expenses and the County mileage allowance, according to County Policy when traveling on official business authorized by Board action.

Motion was made by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Flohrs, and unanimously carried, for the adoption of said resolution.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

THE COMPLETE MINUTES OF THESE PROCEEDINGS ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY COORDINATOR'S OFFICE, 201 LAKE AVENUE, ROOM 100, FAIRMONT, MN AND MAY ALSO BE VIEWED ON THE MARTIN COUNTY WEBSITE AT: [www.co.martin.mn.us](http://www.co.martin.mn.us)

SCOTT HIGGINS  
MARTIN COUNTY COORDINATOR

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Martin County Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment will be conducting a public hearing on March 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Martin County Commissioners Room, located on the first floor of the Courthouse, 201 Lake Avenue – Fairmont, MN. The following items will be on the agenda:

**Variance Request from Elmer & Shirley Juhl within Section 31 of Fox Lake Township.** The Juhls are proposing to build a three-stall garage to be attached onto an existing structure encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the East sideyard setback in an “SL-2” Shoreland Residential Recreational District on Fox Lake. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum setback of 30 feet from a sideyard setback in an “SL-2” Shoreland Residential Recreational District.

**Variance Request from Jeremiah & Alycia Johnson within Section 13 of Center Creek Township.** The Johnsons are proposing to build a garage to be attached onto an existing house encroaching closer than the minimum required setback from the centerline of the public right-of-way in an “A” Agricultural District. The Martin County Zoning Ordinance requires a 200 foot setback from the centerline of any public right-of-way for a new building site effective February 17, 2004 and one hundred and thirty (130) feet from the centerline of any public right-of-way for existing building sites constructed before February 17, 2004. Existing building sites cannot further encroach closer than the nearest present building from the centerline of the road provided greater than 130 feet from the centerline in an “A” Agricultural District.

Any persons interested in this public hearing are urged to attend the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meeting.

Pamela A. Flitter  
Martin County Zoning Administrator

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

MARTIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
COUNTY PROJECT  
CLOSING DATE: April 3, 2020

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids for the following projects will be received until 10:00 a.m., April 3, 2020, at the office of the Martin County Engineer located at 1200 Marcus Street, Fairmont, Minnesota, at which time they will be read out loud. The contract will be awarded at the April 21, 2020 Martin County Commissioner meeting.

SAP 046-652-012 C.S.A.H. 52  
Bituminous Wear, NonWear, Cold Inplace Recycling and Aggregate Surfacing

Major quantities for SAP 046-652-012 are:

Salvage Aggregate (C.V.)	600	C.Y.
Aggregate Surfacing, Class 5	3,500	Ton
Mill Bituminous Surface (1.5")	25,645	S.Y.
Mill Bituminous Surface (2.0")	10,900	S.Y.
Milled Rumble Strips	8,240	L.F.
Bituminous Material for Fog Seal	3,200	Gallons
Bituminous Material for Tack Coat	15,250	Gallons
Type SP 9.5, Wear Course Mixture 3,C	5,400	Ton
Type SP 12.5 NonWear Course Mixture 3,B	6,554	Ton
Cold Inplace Recycling-Bituminous	10,986	S.Y.
Traffic Control	1	L.S.
Common Topsoil Borrow (L.V.)	3,500	C.Y.
Hydraulic Mulch Matrix	120,000	Pounds
6" Broken Line Paint	1,200	L.F.
6" Solid Line Paint	2,400	L.F.

Proposals and specifications may be reviewed or obtained at the Martin County Highway Department, 1200 Marcus Street; Fairmont, Minnesota 56031. Price of the plan and proposal is \$40.00 picked up or \$50.00 mailed (11" x 17" plan size). Prices include sales tax. No refunds. You may also email your request for the plans and proposal to [jill.redenius@co.martin.mn.us](mailto:jill.redenius@co.martin.mn.us)

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond made payable to the Treasurer of Martin County for at least five (5) percent of the amount bid.

The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive informalities therein.

Planholder's list and bid results for this project will be available for viewing at:

<http://www.co.martin.mn.us/index.php/government/highway-department>  
then click on "Link to eGram-Construction Data"

Kevin Peyman, P.E.  
County Engineer

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# Financial Focus

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## Avoid These Estate Planning Mistakes

You save and invest to meet a variety of goals during your lifetime: college for your children, long vacations, a comfortable retirement, and so on. But you probably also want to leave something behind – to your loved ones and, possibly, to the charitable organizations you support. To do so, you’ll need to develop a comprehensive estate plan, but to make that plan work, you must avoid some common mistakes.

Here are a few of these pitfalls you’ll want to avoid:

- Not writing a will – If you were to die “intestate” – without a last will and testament – the state in which you live would determine how your property was distributed. And the state’s decisions may not match what you had in mind at all.

Furthermore, a will is where you would name guardians for your minor children.

- Not going beyond a will – While a will is an essential component of estate planning, it’s often not enough. You may need to create other documents, such as a living trust, which, among other benefits, enables your estate to avoid probate, a time-consuming and public process that can lead to disputes among your heirs and others. And a living trust lets you place highly specific conditions on how and when you want your assets distributed. You might also consider other legal documents, including a power of attorney, which allows you to appoint a person or organization to handle your affairs if you can’t do so yourself, and a health care directive, which lets you name someone

to make health care decisions on your behalf, should you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

- Choosing the wrong executor – An executor is responsible for distributing property to your beneficiaries and paying off any debts and taxes your estate may owe, among other tasks. Because the role of executor is so important, you need to choose someone who is reliable, competent and trustworthy. It’s certainly possible to find such an individual in your own family, but many people choose someone who is either conflicted, too busy or simply not up to the task. If you have doubts about picking a good executor, you may want to turn to a trust company. The costs likely will be higher than if you chose a family member, but the results may be much

better.

- Not naming proper beneficiaries – Many of your assets – 401(k), IRA, life insurance and so on – require you to name a beneficiary. These beneficiary designations are powerful, often superseding the instructions in your will. If circumstances change in your life, such as new children, or divorce or remarriage, you may well want to change beneficiaries. It’s easy to do – but it’s also easy to overlook.

- Not updating ownership of assets – A change in your family situation or changes in the laws governing income and estate taxes could require you to update ownership designations of financial assets.

And here’s perhaps the biggest mistake of all: not understanding what’s in your estate plan. You need to work closely with your tax, legal and financial professionals to create a plan you fully comprehend and can communicate effectively to your loved ones. Surprises are often pleasant in many areas of life – but estate planning is not one of them.

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City Project No. 2020-B

City of Fairmont

Fairmont, MN

**RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS:** Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received at the Office of the Interim City Administrator, City of Fairmont, 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031 until 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2020 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The work includes the construction of approximately:

3100	S.Y.	MILL BITUMINOUS PAVING	90	TON	AGGREGATE BASE CLASS 5
56	C.Y.	COMMON EXCAVATION	650	TON	BITUMINOUS PAVEMENT
1100	L.F.	4" PERFORATED PE PIPE DRAIN	300	L.F.	CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER
500	S.F.	CONCRETE SIDEWALK	600	L.F.	FLOATATION SILT CURTAIN

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

**COMPLETION OF WORK:** All work under the Contract must be complete by June 26, 2020.

**PLAN HOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION:** The plan holders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download on-line at [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Any addendums may also be distributed by mail, fax or email.

**TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS:** Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.fairmont.org](http://www.fairmont.org) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #6833231 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$30.00. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$50.00 per set, which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check payable to City of Fairmont and send it to 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, MN 56031, (507) 238-9461, fax (507) 238-9044.

**BID SECURITY:** A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Fairmont shall accompany each bid.

**OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED:** The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

Dated: 2/25/2020

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Mark Sievert

s/

Interim City Administrator

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**MARTIN COUNTY**

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**Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property**

**This may affect your 2021 property tax payments.**

Following is a schedule of the 2020 Boards of Appeal and Equalization or Open Book Meetings for jurisdictions in Martin County. The purpose of these meetings is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, you or your agent should contact the assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessment and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization. If your jurisdiction holds an open book meeting all residents automatically qualify to appear before the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

DAY	DATE	TOWNSHIP/CITY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	April 6	Lake Fremont Township	8:30 AM	Grader Shed, Dunnell
Monday	April 6	Fox Lake Township	10:00 AM	Fox Lake Town Hall
Monday	April 6	Manyaska Township	10:00 AM	Fox Lake Town Hall
Monday	April 6	Rutland Township	7:30 PM	Rutland Township Hall
Tuesday	April 7	Lake Belt Township	5:30 PM	Town Hall Grader Shed
Tuesday	April 7	Jay Township	7:00 PM	Theobald Home 474 100 <sup>th</sup> St
Tuesday	April 7	Elm Creek Township	7:30 PM	Trimont Fire Hall
Wednesday	April 8	Fairmont Township (open book)	6:00 PM	CER Office 5 Lakes Elem
Wednesday	April 8	Silver Lake Township	7:30 PM	Randy Musser Home
Thursday	April 9	Fraser Township	7:00 PM	Welcome City Hall
Tuesday	April 21	Northrop City	7:00 PM	Northrop City Hall
Thursday	April 23	Cedar Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Ceylon City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Center Creek Twmsp (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Dunnell City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	East Chain Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Galena Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Granada City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Nashville Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Pleasant Prairie Twp (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Rolling Green Twp (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Sherburn City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Truman City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Tenhassen Twmsp (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Waverly Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Welcome City (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Westford Township (open book)	5:00 PM	Martin County Courthouse
Thursday	April 23	Trimont City	7:00 PM	Trimont City Hall
Wednesday	April 29	Fairmont City	9:00 AM	Fairmont City Hall
Tuesday	June 16	Martin County Board of Appeal & Equalization	6:30 PM	Commissioners Room

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.**

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Steve Flohrs. Commissioners present were Steve Flohrs, Elliot Belgard, Kathy Smith, Richard Koons, and Tom Mahoney. Also present were Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator, Jessica Korte, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Jason Sorensen, Sentinel Newspaper, Rod Halvorsen, City of Lakes Media, Julie Walters, Administrative Assistant, and members of staff and public.

On Motions duly made and adopted the following actions were taken:

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve the agenda for the February 18, 2020, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020, regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair and Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, to sign the Solid Waste Collection and Transportation licenses for the year 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the renewal of Liquor, Wine, Club, or 3.2% license with Sunday sales license beginning at 10:00 a.m. for Rose Lake Golf Club, effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the Administrative Agreement in the amount of \$55,000.00 with Minnesota Valley Action Council to participate in the 2020 Martin County Summer Youth Internship Program. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign the 2019 Natural Resources Block Grant year-end financial reports in the amount of \$44,099.00 in expenditures. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to ratify the out of state travel request for Deputy Cory Ballard's attendance at Active Shooter Threat Instructor Training held during September 2019 in the state of Wyoming. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve compensation placement in Martin County's pay schedule for Chief Communications Officer and Jail Administrator Positions, effective February 16, 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Mahoney, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution supporting telecommuting opportunities and Telecommuter Forward! Certification for Martin County. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Smith, Mahoney, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Koons, to approve Warrants, Auditor Warrants, and EFT Transactions to be paid on February 18, 2020, and includes the Martin County Highway Department and Drainage bills presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to receive and file the Martin County Courthouse Dome: Copper Roof Replacement Project Construction Plans; and authorize moving forward with Advertisement for Bids; and that the prebid meeting/walk-through on February 28, 2020 will not be a mandatory meeting. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Legislative Representation by Larkin Hoffman for Martin County's State Bonding request for the proposed Martin County Justice Center; and that costs for representation are estimated at \$5,000 per month from February 2020 through May 2020. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve and authorize Board Chair to sign resolution to proceed with preliminary discussion with an interested party in the purchase of the Gaylord Mobile Home Park. Roll Call AYES: Commissioners Koons, Mahoney, Smith, Belgard, and Flohrs. NAYS: None.

Motion by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Koons, acting as the Drainage Authority for Martin County, to approve the Impoundment, Rerouting and Diverting of Drainage System Waters for JD #97. Carried unanimously.

With no further business to wit, Motion by Commissioner Koons, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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# BWSR Accepting Applications for Lawns to Legumes Grants for Fall 2020 Projects

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is now accepting applications for the Lawns to Legumes program for fall 2020 projects. This program aims to increase residential habitat for at-risk pollinators across the state by providing residents with workshops, free planting guides, and opportunities to apply for reimbursement for gardening projects. The new application period opens today and will remain open through June 2, 2020.

BWSR and its program partner Blue Thumb: Planting for Clean Water conducted an initial application period for

spring 2020 projects that yielded more than 5,000 applications. Notifications about funding decisions will be sent to spring project applicants later this week. Those who applied for spring project funding but did not receive funding will be automatically considered for the second application period.

Anyone who lives in Minnesota and has an area for outdoor planting can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$350 in costs associated with establishing new pollinator habitat in their yards. Awardees provide a 25% match. This match can be in the form of purchasing materials, hiring

contractors or as in-kind time spent planting or maintaining plants. All recipients will attend a workshop or view the program's introductory webinar.

"This program empowers Minnesota residents to make a difference for pollinators in their own living spaces," BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke said. "Lawns to Legumes offers options for Minnesotans to put conservation on the ground in a way that works for residential properties. A project as

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**Tri-Valley Opportunity Winnebago Head Start Center** is seeking job applicants to work in the Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Program.

The Winnebago Head Start Center is looking for positive individuals that enjoy spending time with children. We are looking for professional, hardworking team-players who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children and their families.

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Migrant & Seasonal Head Start positions are open until filled. For questions about any of the positions at the Winnebago Head Start center, contact Randi Rieffer at 800-569-1379 or [randi.rieffer@tvoc.org](mailto:randi.rieffer@tvoc.org).

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Cornerstone State Bank to Robert Walter Cronk, Stacy Jo Cronk, Pt. NW¼NW¼, 2-104-32

Robert Walter Cronk, Stacy Jo Cronk to Joey ZeZulka, Katrina Zezulka, Pt. NW¼NW¼ 2-104-32

Dawn D. Willner, Douglas A. Willner to Kirsten T. Young, Lot 8, Ex. W.10', Block 1, Maple Grove Ext. Wards Central

Lance B. Peterson, Tanya M. Peterson to Elicia Walsh, Matthew Walsh, Lot 4, Block 3, Martin Park 1st Addn.

Tara J. Engstrom, Tara J. Shover, Todd Shover to Ann Klugherz, Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Norgens Addn., Sherburn

**INTERNET ONLY! MACHINERY AUCTION**

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AM w/bidding opening on March 16<sup>th</sup>!



**TRACK TRACTORS:** 2013 JD 9560 RT Tractor, 2,400 hrs, just had head updated, 36" tracks, PS, well-equipped; 2012 JD 8310 RT Tractor, 2,553 hrs, 25" tracks, 120" spacing, PS, very well-equipped  
**SPRAYER:** JD 4940, 2,018 hrs, 120' boom, inj system, very well-equipped; rear duals to be sold separate **EQUIPMENT:** 2009 JD CCS DB 60 36-20 Planter, liq fert, pneumatic down pressure, Precision E Set, 20/20 monitor & Air Force, hyd. Drive & row clutches, Smartbox w/Landlvr Tracks; Tye Series II 27.5 3 pt. Drill, 7" spacing, liq fert & Yetter Markers w/Sunflower HD 3 pt caddy (to be sold separate); Redball 690 pull-type Sprayer, 120' boom, 2000 gal; Summers 72 & 84 ft. HD Super Harrows, 1 w/hyd pitch adjust; Summers 700 HD hyd reel rock picker; Hiniker 12-30 & 16-30 1000 Cultivators; Tyler 9 ton SS Fert Spreader **PRECISION:** (2) JD 2630 Screens, 1 w/Row Sense & SF2; (4) Star Fire 3000 & ITC Globes **SEMI TRAILER:** '09 Wilson 50' 66" sides Tri-Axle, Air Ride, Air up 3<sup>rd</sup> Axle **FERT STORAGE TANKS:** (2) 30,000 gal. Horiz Fiberglass Tanks, bottom clean out, approx. 12" dia. **INTERNET INFO:** These items will be sold on auctioneeralleylive.com and will close throughout the day on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Bidding will open on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Please go to [auctioneeralleylive.com](http://auctioneeralleylive.com) for full listing & pictures. **AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** As Jim and his wife are reducing their farm size, they will sell the above on an **INTERNET ONLY** auction. Items have been well cared for and shedded. Inspection invited by appt or open house on Saturday, March 14 from 9-12 PM or Monday, March 16 from Noon-5 PM. Please contact Justin at 507-236-2071 for questions on equipment.

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**2020 Auction Calendar**

- March 21st McGregor - 1st Auction**  
 Starting at 9:30 am  
 Coins, toy tractors, Collectibles & Household  
**Auction Site:** 116 N 4th Street – Estherville Iowa (One block North of Ace Hardware)
- March 28th McGregor - 2nd Auction**  
 Starting at 9:30 am  
 Antiques, Collectibles, Large Collector Tractors & Machinery **Auction Site:** 1950 Hwy 32 1950 410th Avenue, Estherville Iowa
- April 18th 84th Annual Ceylon Community Day Auction**  
 Starting at 8:00 am  
**Auction Site:** Ceylon MN
- May 16th Doug & Jennette Lietz**  
 Starting at 9:30 am  
 Very Large Collection of Sports Cards, Nascar, Toy Tractors, Antique Furniture & much more.  
**Auction Site:** 116 N 4th Street – Estherville Iowa (One block North of Ace Hardware)
- June 9th Annual Armstrong Spring Consignment Auction**  
 Starting at 9:00 am  
**Auction Site:** West side of Hwy 9 Armstrong IA
- June 20th Farm Retirement Auction**  
 Starting at 9:30am  
**Auction Site:** South Martin County MN
- June 27th Marvin & Lola Talledge**  
 Starting at 9:30 am  
 Large selection of single cylinder engines, Maytag engines, antiques & collectibles, and much more. **Auction Site:** 1662 150th St. Fairmont MN.
- July 25th 2nd Annual Ceylon Summer Community Day Auction**  
 Starting at 8:00am  
**Auction Site:** Ceylon MN
- August 11th Annual Armstrong Late Summer Farm Machinery Consignment Auction**  
 Starting at 9:00am  
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Alicia Schultze, Dustin Schultze to Joel T. Reed, Pt. NE¼NE¼, 10-101-33; Lot 1, Block 6, Original Plat of Dunnell, Lot 2, Ex. S.8' Block 6, Original Plat of Dunnell

**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

Laura Lowry to Dianne C. Theobald Trust, John P. Theobald Trust, SE¼, Pt. E½ SW¼, 15-102-33

Gary Van Dyke, Patricia Van Dyke to Dianne C. Theobald Trust, John P. Theobald Trust, SE¼, Pt. E½SW¼, 15-102-33

Job Dittmer, Marie Dittmer to Deanne C. Theobald Trust, John P. Theobald Trust, SE¼, Pt. E½SW¼, 15-102-33

Veronica Theobald, William Theobald to Dianne C. Theobald Trust, John P. Theobald Trust, SE¼, Pt. E½SW¼, 15-102-33

James Hutton, Monica Hutton to Diane C. Theobald Trust, John P. Theobald Trust, SE¼, Pt. E½SW¼, 15-102-33

Trisha Dawn Tietje to Virginia Havel, E½ Lot 3, Block 2, Youngs Addn.

Paige Bearson to Logan Jorgensen, Lots 11 and 12, Block 9, Ramsdales Addn.

**CONTRACTS FOR DEEDS**

Barbara Landin, Warren Landin to Robert Jaffe, Pt. NE¼SE¼, 30-103-29

**D-DEEDS**

Maggie Senne, Personal Rep., Estate of Terry L. Senne to Kathryn s A. Vargo, Larry Vargo, W.75' Lot 10, Block 2, Wards Addn.

**DEEDS OF DISTRIBUTION**

Karen Leiding, Personal Rep., Estate of Darrel R. Leiding to Karen Leiding, Und. 1/2 int. Pt. E½SW¼, 15-102-30; Und. 1/2 int. Pt. N½NE¼, 20-102-29

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April 18th, 2020

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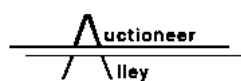
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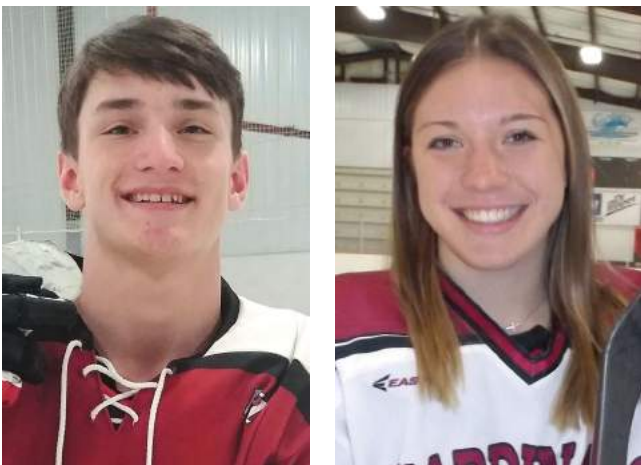




**CARD DRIV'N** - Cards Joey Flohrs goes in for a layup against Luverne's Nicholas Rogers. Flohrs had 11 points in the contest. The Section 3AA, South Sub-Section #2-seeded Cardinals edged the #3-seed Luverne 61-59 last Thursday night in semifinal action in Windom. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**FROM DOWNTOWN** - Cards Jack Hested hoists up a three over Jackson County Central's Bradley Buhl. The #1-seeded Huskies downed the Cards 56-51 in the Section 3AA, South Sub-Section championship game last Saturday in Marshall. JCC (19-7) plays Minnewaska Area (21-6), who nipped Redwood Valley 51-50, for the section championship Thursday in Marshall. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**TWO CARDS BSC ALL-CONFERENCE** - The Big South Conference announced its Hockey All-Conference Teams - Cardinals sophomore Mackenzie Householder was on the girls squad, while sophomore Eli Anderson made the Honorable Mention boys squad. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**JUMP HOOK** - Wyatt Frank shoots over Jackson County Central's Andrew Hesebeck while Cardinal teammate Zach Jorgensen looks on. Frank had 20 points in the Cards loss to the Huskies. The Cards finished their season with a 17-10 record. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



**POND HOCKEY EVENT MOVED** - With the warmer weather the Southern Minnesota Pond Hockey Championship events, which were rescheduled to this weekend because of the winter storm in January, have been moved to the Martin County Arena Ice Skating Rink - Events include: Indoor Bonspiel Thurs., March 12, 7 p.m. Free to the public. • Rock on Ice Fri., March 13. • Pond Hockey Games Sat. & Sun. • Cornhole Pond Championship Sat., March 14, 11 a.m. • Frozen 5K Sun., March 15, 1 p.m. *Courtesy fairmontsports.com*



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small as 10 square feet can provide valuable food sources and habitat for pollinators.”

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